

In the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2005/000957 as follows:

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~~The invention relates to a~~ A connection region (1) on a vehicle body (14), in the region of which an add-on part (17) is attached to the vehicle body (14) is provided. The connection region ~~comprises~~ includes a connecting element (10) having a receiving region (18) for detachably fastening the add-on part (17). The connection region has a first and second fastening section (3, 5) at which the connecting element is connected to the vehicle body (14). In the first fastening section (3) the connecting element (10) is attached to a carrier component (4) of the vehicle body (14) by ~~means of~~ resistance pressure welding. In the second fastening section (5), which is arranged opposite the first fastening section (3) at a distance therefrom, the connecting element (10) can be connected to a stiffening panel (6) of the vehicle body (14). Such a connection region is used in particular for attaching an axle bolster (17) to a floor region (15) of the body (14).

(~~Figure 1~~)